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JOACHIMSTHAL URANIUM MINES
TO BE UNDER SOVIET CONTROL

According to the Stockholm Newsletter, from behind the Iron Curtain, the Soviet Union has signed an agreement with Czechoslovakia regarding placement of the Joachimsthal and other uranium-mining areas under Soviet control. The agreement provides that the Czech workers employed in the mines will in the future be under Soviet administration. Practically, this means that the Russians will be in a position to deport to the Soviet Union any Czech engineers or workers with practical experience in uranium exploitation.

It is planned to compensate Czechoslovakia for the loss of territory by border changes in the Carpathian Ukraine. A special border commission has already been appointed for this purpose. The Newsletter states that all rumors regarding transfer of the Czechoslovak uranium territory to Eastern Germany are false. It is believed these rumors were spread to conceal the actual Czechoslovak-Soviet agreement. The same source states that the French professor Joliot-Curie was invited to Prague in August to give his expert opinion on samples of the mined ore.

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